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The attached sketch illustrates the prior art tooling described in the Background of the Invention at page 2, lines 3-6. A breather plate is shown over a mold plate. The breather plate has longitudinal ridges corresponding in position to longitudinal grooves on the mold plate. Knockout cups are shown. The formed patty has a longitudinal groove for breaking along a centerline.

Because the attached reference is already described in the specification, it is believed that no fee is due. However, the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) can be charged to attorney account 50-2970 if necessary.

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